

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A device for adapting the coating width of a coating system, comprising at least one limiting means limiting a coating slot arranged in a distribution chamber for a coating fluid, wherein the at least one limiting means comprises a piston provided with two spaced-apart sealing elements that seal off the piston against the distribution chamber, wherein the limiting means is movable and is adapted ~~such that~~ for supplying a confining fluid is applicable through it between the sealing elements and through the coating slot for preventing coating fluid material from laterally distributing within the coating slot and for simulating a continuous material web.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The device according to claim ~~3~~ 4, wherein the piston is provided with a sealing sheet extending into the coating slot.

6-7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) The device according to claim ~~5~~ 7, wherein ~~the piston is provided with two sealing elements which~~ are positioned approximately at the beginning and the end of the sealing sheet.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The device according to claim ~~3~~ 4, wherein the coating slot has a width of about 100 μm to: about 250 μm .

11. (currently amended) The device according to claim 3 ~~2~~, wherein the limiting means is adapted for supplying a portion of confining fluid of ~~is~~ about 0.5 % to about 2 % of the coating fluid used.

12. (currently amended) The device according to claim 3 ~~2~~, wherein the piston comprises a piston head and a piston rod, and wherein the confining fluid is supplied to the piston head through the piston rod ~~heads via the piston rods.~~

13-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The device according to claim 3 ~~2~~, wherein the confining fluid comprises an aqueous solution.

16-20. (cancelled)